

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1954 (Cont'd)

We will present the leaders with a copy of a letter from the President and a letter to the President from Allen Dulles. Both these letters will strongly cite the reasons for refusing Congressional investigation and we hope they will be endorsed 100 percent by both the Republican and Democrat leaders attending the meeting. Of course, this will be a first-class story and will be a move by the entire leadership of the Congress against McCarthy.

The President expressed the hope that McCarthy would sound off once again on his threat to investigate the CIA prior to the meeting on Monday -- "My boys, I am convinced of one thing. The more we can get McCarthy threatening to investigate our Intelligence, the more public support we are going to get. If there is any way I could trick him into renewing his threat, I would be very happy to do so and then let him have it."

2. Moreland Act Commission -- The President told us that he had asked the Attorney General to study the proposal submitted to him last week by Governor Dewey for the establishment of a Moreland Act type Commission for the Federal Government. Seventeen states now have this, and as the President put it, it would in effect establish the right of the President to have an Inspector General for every department of our administrative government. "If there is any wrongdoing, I could appoint a Commission or Commissioner to investigate and clean up the matter fast."

Expect to get considerable Congressional opposition to this move but think that it should be done dramatically and forcefully as soon as McCarthy-Army hearings are completed. When Morgan and Persons expressed some concern over Congressional reaction, the President interrupted them by saying, "They may be against it but how can they make a case for their point of view? I would think that I would have a perfect right to have the power to immediately investigate within the administrative branch of this government any charges of misdoing or malfeasance of office made by anyone, particularly a Senator." The President also said that he was sure this would be construed as another act by the Administration to curtail McCarthy's power. He said he was ready to face that and fight it through.

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